



## 2009 d'ARENBERG THE EIGHT IRON SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	Single Vineyard - McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Shiraz
MATURATION :	18 months in new & older American & French oak barriques
ALCOHOL :	15% alc/vol

### BACKGROUND :

This vineyard is located on the same property as the winery and is shaped like a golf club with the handle section on a south facing slope. It's roughly as wide as a decent hit with a trusty eight iron, or possibly eight shots with an eight iron if you are an average golfer.

### THE VINEYARD :

**Sub-Region** - Beautiful View      **Planted** - 1960      **Altitude** - 70m above sea level  
**Proximity to the Ocean** - 8km      **Soil** - Shallow grey loam

### WINEMAKING :

Fruit is gently crushed in an open-mouthed, rubber-toothed, Demoisy crusher before being transferred to open vessels for fermentation. Here the cap is permanently submerged beneath the free run juice, avoiding any harsh plunging or pumping over. Traditional foot-treading takes place after fermentation is complete, then gentle basket pressing precedes transfer to barrel for maturation. The ability for a wine to age was a primary consideration and with careful cellaring this wine will drink well until at least 2029.

### TASTING NOTES :

The nose has rich, dark fruits alongside spices of pepper and clove as well as subtle floral aromas. Opulent plum and redcurrant are powerful notes with great depth on the mid palate. The wine evolves with emerging characters of dark licorice, mocha, lavender and dried rose petals. The mineral element provides another layer with gravelly tannins pulling the wine into focus for a long savory finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** 92 pts eRobertparker.com, 92 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 89 pts Wine Spectator

### ABOUT d'ARENBERG :

One of the undisputed kings of Australian Shiraz and Rhone varietals, d'Arenberg has managed to turn individuality into an art form by doing a whole lot of little things differently. The original vineyards were established by Joseph Osborn in 1912 in the McLaren Vale region of South Australia. A century on, the estate has grown to 345 acres, and the mantle now rests with fourth-generation winemaker Chester Osborn. By maintaining a focus on traditional winemaking and nurturing their old-vine material, the Osborn clan has successfully established themselves as one of the country's leading producers of concentrated, characterful wines.



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